



Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 1 Week 2 Date 13 October 2022

DIARY DATES:

Monday 17th Oct
Prep Bike Ed
Excursion
Thursday 20th Oct
YR 3/4
Sovereign Hill
Excursion
Tuesday 1st Nov
Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday
Thursday 3rd Nov
Prep Orientation
9.30am — 12.30pm

THURSDAY
3RD NOV
MELBOURNE
CUP DAY
NO
STUDENTS
REQUIRED
AT SCHOOL
ON THIS
DAY



Melbourne Cup Day!

From The Principal

Welcome back, as we start the final quarter of the year, Term 4. I'm sure you all enjoyed a relaxing break and the children are all ready and eager to tackle the often hectic pace of the last term. And we thought Term 3 was busy! It's amazing how quickly the year is passing.

The holidays were especially memorable for the Cats supporters in our school community who celebrated a comprehensive premiership win. There were a couple of very happy individuals at assembly and around the school last Monday, particularly a certain Principal who insisted on playing the Geelong theme song over the PA all day!

At last week's assembly I spoke briefly about the significance of fourth term for our year 6 students, as it marks the final term of their primary schooling. I invite their families to encourage the children to savour and enjoy their last term at Gladstone Park Primary School responsibly.



I congratulate those children who have remembered to wear their hats this week. As we are a Sunsmart school, school policy requires all children to wear a school hat (broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat). Children who do not wear an appropriate hat are required to sit or play in a designated shaded area.

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA—*Be Prepared This Pollen Season*

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

All of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify a greater level of risk. Please ensure your child has their asthma puffer and spacer in their school bag, if they are asthmatic.

How You Can Prepare

- **If your child has ever had asthma:**
Talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- **If your child has hay fever:**
See your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- **If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing:**
It is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.

Remain vigilant for COVID-19

It is important for students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss or change to sense of smell or taste, which are similar to COVID-19 symptoms. If your child experiences these symptoms in different or worse ways to their usual hay fever or asthma symptoms, medical advice should be sought.

Tony Malgioglio, Principal

Werribee Zoo Excursion

I learnt that there are different coloured Ostrich eggs. My favourite animal was a giraffe because they have blue tongues. **TAI 1/2D**

On Tuesday we went to the Werribee Zoo and we saw an ostrich. The ostrich eggs are white, green, and orange. The zoo keepers put the ostrich eggs in the freezer. After they freeze the eggs, they give egg ice blocks to the lions to eat as a treat. **ANNA 1/2D**

Yesterday I went to the Werribee Zoo. My Favourite animals were the meerkats because they are so cute. Some animals I saw were hippopotamus, camels, giraffes and zebras. On the Safari bus the man was telling us about the animals. Camels lift up their leg to pee. **EDIZ 1/2D**

We saw nearly all of the animals. We also went on a safari that was super long and fun. **JACK 2B**

We saw the emus and they were very tall. **ZAC 2B**

I saw a tortoise, rhino, hippo, cheetah, buffalo, gorilla, wallaby, deer, girafee,goat, camel and meerkats. **OSCAR 2B**



DECK THE HALLS...

As we inch closer towards Christmas, in the Visual Arts room we are kicking off the celebrations with a good ol' 'How many...?' competition.

Our fabulous and talented students in Prep - Grade 4 have been busy making and decorating small trees to decorate one massive tree in the corridor directly outside the Visual Arts room. This will launch our 'Deck the Halls' themed Christmas display!

We are nearly done, so to make it a bit fun, a bit exciting, I've decided to have a

'Guess how many small trees you need to make one giant Christmas Tree'.

To enter is super easy. All students (even mums, dads and carers!) need is 50 cents **per guess**. You can enter as many times as you like. Every day, commencing this Friday the 14th October during lunch time for one week only, two students will be seated outside the Visual Arts Room in the muraled corridor ready to record students' well thought out numbers.

The student/s who guesses the exact number (or closest to) will win.

What will they win? Glad you asked!!!

AN AMAZING JAR OF LOLLIES!!!!

So, have a think! Put on your maths hat, consider the space, the size, the overall area and make your 50 cent entry count.

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE COME AND SEE ME, MISS A, IN THE VISUAL ARTS ROOM.

MONEY RAISED FROM THE COMPETITION WILL GO TOWARDS BUYING ALL STUDENTS A ZOOPER DOOPER, WHICH I'M SURE WILL BE WELCOMED BY ALL AS THE WEATHER STARTS TO GET WARMER!

SO GET BUSY AND START THINKING ABOUT HOW MANY TREES ARE NEEDED!

Kind regards,

Miss Angelides

Visual Arts Teacher



Sports News

North Metro Region Athletics

We had 2 students represent GPPS yesterday (12th Oct) at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium and they didn't disappoint. Labeeb was competing in the Shot Put Field Event and, as all fine athletes do, he had visualised himself winning the event in the days leading up. He had a big training session the day before, but he'd already put in the hard yards refining his technique in the weeks prior. Labeeb performed when it mattered most and won the Boys 12/13 category throwing a 3kg ball 9.7m. Our star Little Athletics competitor, Michael, competed in 200m and Long Jump. He finished 3rd in the 200m and a massive jump of 4.4m secured him 2nd place and a ticket to the State Finals in November. A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT by both Labeeb and Michael who will now get the opportunity to test their skills and abilities against the best in Victoria.



5/6 Rugby Gala Day (Friday 7th October)

It was forecast to be a gloomy, grey, rainy day, but as we set off on the bus with 1 tackle and 1 touch team we had high hopes we may get lucky. As we got off the bus the shower started. All teams got to play 1 game in the wet conditions. The rain didn't bother our students who loved every minute of it and put in a polished performance, headlined by the side-step of Sama and the playmaker, Labeeb, who were the 2 try-scorers. In the touch team Cody found out why players wear footy boots as he was slipping and sliding all over the field trying to evade players. No such problems for Sebastian who weaved his way through play. At the completion of our first game the showers turned into heavy rain and puddles turned into swimming pools as we all hovered Undercover. A bit depressing, according to Kevan. It wasn't all bad, Sandro cracked out the Tim Tams and everybody was singing along to the songs put on by Rugby Victoria.

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Physical Education Teacher